THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, 25th August 1955.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, the Deputy Speaker (SRI B. BHAKTHAVATSALU NAIDU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Indian Nationals in Ceylon

Short Notice Question No. 12.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the State Government have made any representations to the Union Government for taking suitable steps for protecting the rights of the citizens of Indian origin in Ceylon; and

(*b*) if so, what the proposals are?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Representations to the Union Government regarding persons of Indian origin in Ceylon are being made whenever necessary. It is not in the public interest to give details of the representations made."

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether the representations made by this Government to the Central Government include the protection of properties and honour of Indians in Ceylon? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" All aspects are taken into consideration. As matters arise, on those matters representations are made."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" On a previous occasion it was mentioned that the Central Government did not consult this Government whenever they dealt with the Ceylon Government and that this Government would impress upon the Central Government the need for consulting them. May I know whether the Central Government are now consulting this Government and, if so, was this Government consulted on the latest communication issued by our Prime Minister to the Ceylon Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. This Government are being consulted in the matter now and we are kept informed of the steps which are being taken by the Central Government."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister kindly consider the desirability of sending a goodwill mission composed entirely of women to appeal to the sympathy of men in order to ease the situation? "

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member may collect a team and then make a representation to the Government."

Taking over of Periyaram Sanatorium by Government

* *Short Notice Question No.* 13.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed by the Periyaram Tuberculosis Sanatorium Relief Committee at its meeting on 2nd August 1955, under the Presidentship of the Collector of Malabar requesting the State Government to take urgent step to take over the Sanatorium?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" As the financial condition of this Sanatorium is deplorable and as the Sanatorium will be closed down unless the Government help it, will the Government take early steps to take over the Sanatorium themselves, especially in view of the fact that that is the only sanatorium in Malabar? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Government are aware of the financial plight of the sanatorium. We have called for the remarks of the Director of Medical Services on the resolution passed by the Committee. In an interim reply, the Director stated that the matter was under correspondence with the Collector of Malabar."

Closure of the Devadhar High School, Tanur

* 2259 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 4th March 1955, from the Parents' Association, Tanur, requesting the Government to take proper steps to prevent the closing of the Devadhar High School, Tanur, South Malabar; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The management of the Devadhar High School, Tanur, failed to comply with the departmental rules and regulations regarding the creation of endowment for the school. The Director of Public Instruction has, therefore, ordered the closure of Form IV from 1955–56. The memorandum received from the Parents' Association was transferred to the Director for disposal."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Are the Government aware that as a result of the order of the Director of Public Instruction, the pupils who are already studying in the school are put to great hardship for continuing their study and that much